Instruction

Flag Displays

By presidential order, the flag is to be flown at half-staff at the following times:

1. For thirty days after the death of a President or former President of the United States;

2. For ten days after the death of the Vice President, chief justice or a retired chief justice, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. From the day of death until burial for an associate justice of the supreme court, a member of the Cabinet, a former vice president, a United States senator or representative, the governor of South Dakota, or as the President orders.

When the flag becomes worn it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The flag may be mended, dry cleaned, or washed.

Legal Reference:  
U.S. Code  
Title 4, Chapter 1 The Flag

Public Law  
94-344 Federal Flag Code

SDCL  
13-24-17 Flagpole required – display of flag.
13-24-17.2 Right to post flag, recite pledge of allegiance and sing national anthem not to be infringed.
22-9-1 Desecration of flag.

Regulation approved: 05-28-68
amended: 06-14-76
revised: 03-11-02 33101
reviewed: 02-23-09 35303
reviewed: 08-09-10 35794
reviewed: 11-12-13 36770